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O. E. S. Election.

At the regular meeting of Magdalen chapter No. 8, O. E. S., on the evening of Monday, the 15th inst., the regular annual election will be held. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

Call on Leeson before you make up your mind what that Christmas present shall be.

Candies, nuts, oranges at Katzenstein's.

GRAND CENTRAL GONE

Another of Socorro's Old Landmarks Disappears by the Usual Agency.

THE FIRE WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

Neighboring Property Damaged and Saved from Destruction Only by Hard Work of the Hose Company.

Monday night at 12 o'clock the citizens of Socorro were once more aroused by the startling and persistent clanging of the fire bell. Even those who were out first saw the city brilliantly lighted by a great blaze in the direction of the Grand Central hotel. Everybody at once divined that the long looked for had at last happened. The old wooden structure that had stood so long as a constant temptation to the fire fiend was now burning fiercely and the fire had gained such headway that it was at once evident that there was no hope of saving the building and that every possible effort would be necessary to save neighboring buildings from destruction.

The hose company was promptly on the scene and it was only by the hardest kind of work that the brick block occupied by the postoffice, Katzenstein's store, Liles & Torres' saloon, and A. C. Abeytia's store was saved from destruction. In fact at one time when the window casings of the block were rapidly burning out and the roof was on fire hope of saving it was practically abandoned and attention was given to the saving of goods. Postmaster Kittrell put his mail and money in a safe place, Katzenstein prepared for the worst, the elegant furniture and the stock of goods in the Palace saloon were carried across the street by hundreds of willing hands to a place of safety, as was the greater part of A. C. Abeytia's stock of goods. The hose company finally conquered, however. The block was saved. If it had burned the fire would doubtless have crossed the street and the business center of Socorro would have gone up in smoke. As it is the damaged stocks of goods are restored to their places and the doors are closed pending the arrival of the insurance adjusters.

The fire was doubtless of incendiary origin. The flames broke out in two corners of the building at the same time. These corners were fifty feet apart. Besides, those who were first upon the scene saw several piles of hay burning just where they would be most likely to do the work. John Ruff, who slept in the building, heard the fire bug and would doubtless have made him pay dearly for his crime if the volumes of smoke had not interfered.

The building was the property of C. T. Brown. It was only partially insured. About a thousand dollars worth of machinery was stored in the building and on this there was no insurance whatever.

The Grand Central was erected about twenty years ago, in Socorro's palmy days, and served its purpose as a hotel for several years. Of late, however, it has been devoted to other uses. While many expressions of sympathy are heard for Mr. Brown in his loss, still there is a general sense of relief that less destruction of property than was anticipated was caused by the burning of the Grand Central.

A. C. Abeytia Is Grateful.

A. C. Abeytia wishes to express his sincere gratitude to the members of Socorro Hose Co. No. 1 and to others for the hard work they did to save his property from destruction at the fire Monday night. He realizes that but for their determined efforts under discouraging conditions his loss would have been many times as great as it was.

Episcopal Services.

Special services will be conducted at Epiphany church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend. The choir will render full musical services.

PISTOLS AND DEATH.

The Windsor Hotel the Scene of a Desperate and Fatal Shooting Affray.

TRAGIC ENDING OF AN OLD QUARREL.

City Marshal Felipe Baca and David Baca the Principals in Socorro's Most Sensational Occurrence for Years.

One of the most determined and deadly pistol duels ever fought in Socorro began in front of the Windsor hotel Wednesday evening at about 7 o'clock and ended on the stairway inside the hotel when David Baca fell dead at the foot of the stairs pierced with two pistol balls fired by City Marshal Felipe Baca.

This deadly affair created some excitement in the city, but no surprise. Just such an event has been confidently expected since about three weeks ago when the man now dead and two of his friends fell upon City Marshal Baca in one of the saloons of the city and beat him over the head with a heavy cane and other weapons so severely as to send him to bed for several days.

As nearly as can be ascertained from many conflicting reports the facts of the affair Wednesday evening are about as follows:

The marshal entered the Windsor bar-room and David Baca entered the office at about the same time. The latter was seen to look through the window in the partition between the two rooms as though intently in search of somebody and then to go out pistol in hand at the front door. A moment later the two men met on the walk in front of the hotel and the fusillade began. Deceased next ran into and through the office and started up stairs closely followed by the marshal using his pistol as fast as opportunity offered. Circumstances seem to show that the victim turned to run up stairs, when the fatal shot entered his right side, ranged upward to a vital spot, and he fell dead at the feet of his slayer. The marshal escaped with a pistol hole in his hat and a powder burn on his face.

Just how many shots were fired in the affray cannot be told. There were probably no less than eight. The office door of the hotel bears the marks of three, one penetrated the wall of the office inside as pursuer and pursued were running toward the stairway, two or three were fired in the hall way and probably two at the foot of the stairs. It was found that the dead man had suffered one shot through the groin. It is supposed that this wound was inflicted during the shooting outside, and that it caused the victim to drop his pistol and seek refuge within. A pistol, full-cocked, was picked up in front of the hotel after the affair was over.

As soon as Marshal Baca saw that he had killed his man he walked back into the office and threw the shells out of his pistol and reloaded it. Sheriff Blackington soon appeared upon the scene, took the marshal into custody and lodged him in the county jail.

This deadly affair has its comical side. There were eight or ten guests of the hotel in the office when the shooting began. In an instant splinters and glass were flying from the front door. Then followed a mad stampede into the bar-room, into the dining room, up stairs, anywhere to get out of range. One man enjoys the distinction of having plunged heels over head through the wire screen on a screen door and alighted broadside beyond. A bigger man attempted the same feat but made a ludicrous failure of it. A stranger in the city who was a guest at the Windsor was hit by some flying putty from the window and was sure he was shot. He vowed that he served four years in the civil war and was wounded two or three times, but that he would not go to bed that night. He would sit up for the midnight train to take him out of town.

A coroner's jury consisting of J. J. Leeson, A. E. Howell, Henry Dreyfus, G. Biavaschi, Francisco Jaramillo, and Amado

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Chavez was empaneled Thursday. The jury examined the remains of the deceased and gave a verdict that he came to his death from the effects of gunshot wounds.

The funeral was conducted at the church of San Miguel yesterday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery. Company H in uniform was in attendance, as was also Socorro Hose Co. No. 1, of both of which organizations the deceased was a member. The attendance of these organizations lent a peculiar impressiveness to the funeral ceremonies.

IN THE ELECTION CONTESTS.

Respondents Today File Their Answers to the Notices of Contestants.

The respondents in the election contest cases in this county have today through their attorneys, Messrs. Fitch and Dougherty, filed their answers to the notices of the contestants. In these answers the respondents undertake to set up facts in substance as follows:

It is alleged, that the Independent Republican emblem was adopted and filed prior to the adoption and filing of the so-called Republican emblem; that there was no attempt at deception in the adoption and filing of the Independent Republican emblem; that there is no record of the adoption of any emblem whatever by the Republican county convention; that the Independent Republican emblem was published in one or more papers of the county and was freely discussed in the county; and that all the Republican candidates knew of the adoption of the emblem and raised no objection to it until late on election day when certain purported letters of W. B. Childers, U. S. attorney, were filed to prevent the counting of Independent Republican votes.

With respect to San Antonio precinct it is set forth, that the regular judges of election appointed by the county commissioners held an election in the manner and at the place prescribed by law; that these judges were prevented from opening the polls at 9 o'clock by an assembly of disorderly and riotous persons crowding about the polls and in the room occupied by the judges of election; that no objection was made by the people at the polls to the manner of the appointment of the judges nor any attempt made by the people to select other or different judges; that the riotous and disorderly persons aforesaid went to a part of the precinct 1,500 feet distant, held a purported election, and allowed large numbers of disqualified persons to vote; and that this purported election was held in a place not in sight of the regular election booth nor where any other election had ever been held. With respect to the precinct of

Cienega it is alleged, that 25 votes were cast by persons who had not registered; that all the votes of this precinct were cast in favor of the contestants; that an election board was appointed by the county commissioners but failed to act; and that one member of the board attempted to register voters on the first day of November but acted alone and administered the oath of office to himself as judge of election.

The respondents further set forth the fact that in the precinct of Kelly the judges of election were intimidated by a purported letter of W. B. Childers, U. S. Attorney, and threw out eight votes cast for respondents, also the fact that one vote for respondents was thrown out in Socorro precinct No. 24 for like reason.

BURGLARY FOLLOWS THE FIRE.

Frank Abeytia's Jewelry Store Is Broken into and a Lot of Watches and other Jewelry Stolen.

Monday night after the excitement attendant upon the fire had subsided burglars entered Frank Abeytia's jewelry store by breaking out a large pane of glass in the front window and stole a lot of watches and other jewelry of the value of about \$300. The loss is a serious one to Mr. Abeytia, who has worked long and hard to accumulate the stock of goods in his store.

Mr. Abeytia is of the opinion that the burglars entered the store at about 4 o'clock in the morning. Not long before that time Mr. and Mrs. Abeytia were in the front part of the store and noticed nothing out of order. There was a lot of tough characters in the city Monday, probably followers of a show that gave an exhibition that night, and the burglary was doubtless committed by some of them under cover of the excitement caused by the fire.

REPORT AGAINST STATEHOOD.

The Beveridge Committee Oppose Admission of New Mexico and Arizona.

The senate committee who, headed by Senator Beveridge of Indiana, visited New Mexico and Arizona a few days ago on a tour of inspection, have reported against the admission of these two territories but in favor of the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state. It is understood that opposition to the statehood bill comes from Republicans of the extreme east. Senators Platt of New York, Quay of Pennsylvania, and Elikins of West Virginia are, however, with the united Democrats in support of the measure. It is still hoped that the original omnibus bill will pass unamended when called up Wednesday.

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